

Kachemak Drive Path Meeting Notes 5/11/2011

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33pm.

Present: Bumpo Bremicker, Lynn Burton, Joe Litchfield, Beth Cumming, Dave Clemens, Ingrid Harrauld, Dave Brann

2. Approval of Agenda: Dave Brann requested to add "D. Handout of National Park Application" and "E. Scheduled work party for May 21st" to the agenda. Ingrid seconds, Joe Litchfield seconds, motion approved.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Beth requested the following changes to minutes:

- a. On page 6: would like the stated goal from this discussion to be printed in the minutes and on record. Dave Brann said he will make sure that Renee knows to do that. Ingrid will put in the notes as a reminder.
- b. Beth would like to change the sentence on page 6 from "send resolution to city council" to "send resolution to Parks and Recreation commission".

Motioned seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments:

1. Chase Warren– Spoke about Bike to Work Week, that it is a great resource on getting the word out to public. Thanks committee for time and effort on creating the path. Loves the idea of walk along beach. Great economic idea. Committee thank Chase for all his work and for speaking on KBBI coffee table about the Kachemak Drive Committee. Chase wants to re-iterate that the biggest roadblock to the bike shoulder idea along Kachemak Drive is not money, but lobbying DOT and other entities. Feels like the bike club can do that and would like to help in that role to get things going.
2. Kevin Walker – submitted comments about his assessment of mile .6 to mile 3.0 of Kachemak Drive. (from spit going East). Measured from double yellow line to the end of pavement (not fog line) on both sides of road. There is quite a bit of shoulder – he used "Nail test" (see packet) to test shoulder. It will be hard to pave just a narrow band, but could be done with a standard paver (this has been done in Kotzebue). Much of the shoulder is under 3" sand, so just sweeping street will give you much more shoulder. All this info was in the packet.
He also walked the path flagged from base of spit along the bluff to airport road. Felt that Dave's path was steep, but 90% of it was good. Possibly will need boardwalk and/or postholes.
Bumpo asked if there was a scheduled resurfacing of the road anytime soon, which Kevin felt there is not.
Dave Clemens wondered about the bigger chance of cracking of pavement if you just pave narrow strip of shoulder. Kevin felt this was more likely, although it varies between hot seam and cold seam.

Beth questioned the rules of building above and/or below high tide line on city land.

3. Carey Meyers – walked the base of spit trail flagging with both Dave and Beth and talked to City Manager. The city has no problem with the committee making an initial cleaning out of brush to get a better impression of the trail alignment. There may some permits needed - DOT right of way and Corps permits in the first part of the section, but Carey felt it was a good idea. Any building below the 26' height tide line will also need a permit. A boardwalk may be more acceptable to the Corps, but Carey prefers gravel.

On the second section, it is not state land, but is a tidal area. The slope at the 26' tide line is too steep for a trail. May need permit in this second section to fill a 10' wide pathway along slope using dredge spoils. Need to get the OK from the City Council and then you could pay just trucking and soil placement. Would need to protect with rip rap along slope.

The third section is out of tidal area, and is very do-able, but steep.

All is all Carey felt this was a nice trail alignment, and great for beach access.

5. No reconsiderations.

6. Visitors:

Jocelyn was not able to attend. Dave went in to see her at DOT in Anchorage last weekend, but she was out of the office. He discussed a tentative date for her coming in June and will check back. Once the date is known, he will set up a worksession and the public announcements.

7. & 8. No Staff reports or Public Hearings

9. Pending Business:

A. and B. Discussion on mission of committee and whether the goals have expanded. It was discussed that the two different paths are in different phases of development, and that possibly it is time to approach the Park and Recreation Commission on the work we have done so far on both trails for approval.

Joe Litchfield mentioned a new idea of solving the safety issue on Kachemak Drive by decreasing speed to 20mph during summer (non-studded-tire-season) to make Kachemak Drive more a bike path during that time. In winter (studded tire season) it would return to 35mph driving road.

Ingrid made the motion:

"I request that the Kachemak Drive Pathway Committee send for approval to the Park and Recreation Commission their formal proposal for a level 1 or level 2 non-motorized recreational trail starting at the base of the spit and following the base of the bluff, paralleling Kachemak Drive eastward ending at the Airport Access Road to the Beach."

Beth Seconds, no opposed. Motion passes.

Discussion on how to move forward on both trails and establishing the public meetings and city council involvement.

C. no discussion

D. Dave Brann gave out DRAFT copies of his application for the NPS grant for comments.

E. Work party at Karen Hornaday Park on Saturday, May 21st, work on playground, baseball fields, basic safety. Many volunteers from user groups will be there to help out.

10. New Business:

A. Dave talked about starting a “neighborhood watch” program for the parks, to increase public involvement and ownership. More discussion will be had a further date.

B. Meeting times: Committee voted unanimously to change meeting time on May 23rd from 5:30 pm to 6:15pm.

Ingrid moved to move the public open house date to June 23rd at 5:30pm and have the Kachemak Drive meeting on Friday, June 17th at 5:30pm. Bumpo second, motion passes.

11. & 12 No comments from audience and staff.

13. Comments from committee: Much discussion and comments about working on the trail from the base of the spit during the upcoming weekend.

15. Adjournment at 8:15pm. Next meeting May 26 at 6:15pm.

Notes submitted by Ingrid Harrauld